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Mr. E. A. O'Hara, President Hew York State Publishers Association Herald-Journal & Herald-American Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. O'Hera:

We were delighted to have your invitation to Placid with the opportunity to tell your publishers something about this peculiar trade in which we are engaged. Since my conversation with Casey, however, Mr. Jackson has had to change his plans and he has now suggested that Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick carry his end of the stick. You will find Kirkpatrick eminently wellqualified for the job, for despite his youth he is one of our ablest and most experienced intelligence officers. At Mr. Jones's suggestion, we shall split the presentation between us and yet forty minutes or at the most an hour should suffice for us both.

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Psychological Strategy Board has not yet progressed to the point where it can take to the stump, we shall be forced to forego psychological warfare and limit our appearance on this visit to a subject you may wish to bill as "The United States and Its National Intelligence System." The presentation should preferably be an off-the-record one, for in as sensitive a security area as this, we find that we can go farther with fewer restraints when speaking FYI only.

If agreeable to you, we shall probably arrive on Saturday afternoon, spend Sunday at Placid and leave shortly after our session with you on Monday morning. The customary biographical summaries are attached in the event you need them.

As you have undoubtedly heard from many others many times before, we who mourned Casay's departure from Washington envy you for getting the best editor in the business.

Sincerely,

C. B. Hansen Colonel, USAF Assistant to the Director

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